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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

USPN #6,317,870 Mattison also performs stub analysis in order to import the stub when the program linker is encountered. The claimed invention does not perform the analysis at link time and the stub in Mattison is imported not bypassed,

USPN # 6,026,235 Shaughnessy col 3, lines 17-30 teach a technique where the stub is still called but the program lookup table is update with a JUMP instruction to branch over the stub. The Patent discloses that not only is the compiler information (symbol table and Program look up table) needed but also the debugger information. The current invention is independent of the debugger information.

The allowed limitations are presented below:

1. (previously presented) A computer-implemented method for analysis of executable program code, the executable program including segments of code that correspond to callable functions in source code from which the executable code was generated, comprising: reading from the executable program code pairs of entry points and endpoints, each pair including an entry point and an endpoint that are associated with a callable function in the source code and corresponding to a segment of the executable program code; generating analysis data for the functions identified by the pairs of entry points and end points; detecting execution of stub functions at runtime; and bypassing analysis of stub functions.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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